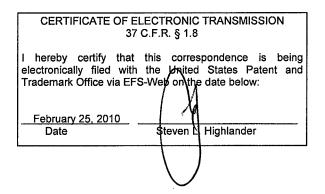
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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 27, 2009, to which a response is due on February 27, 2010, by virtue of the accompanying petition for extension of time (one month). No other fees are believed due; however, should any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/DEBE:053US/10501498/SLH.

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